

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

June 7, 2012

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 31, 2012 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 6, 2012 in the amount of \$ 265,276.93 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 31 – June 6, 2012
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 18, 2012 – June 5, 2012

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 572,006.70 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. 2012 NYS Main Street Grant – Authorization to Sign Application

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the City of Plattsburgh supports the grant application to procure \$250,000 in funding through its NY Main Street Program application for main street/downtown revitalization efforts and that the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit said 2012 NY Main Street grant application.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. 2012 NYS Main Street Grant Application Commitment of Funds

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the City of Plattsburgh supports the 2012 NY Main Street Program application for main street/downtown revitalization efforts and will make available City building improvement and housing rehabilitation loan funds to match the Main Street program funds as needed.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to self-fund 23 first aid workers compensation claims incurred during the 2011 policy period at a total cost of \$5,918.95 in order to reduce the City's future premiums to the New York

State Insurance Fund affected by the frequency of these first aid claims.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Office of Community Development to advertise for rebids for Housing Rehab project Rebid HOME #2009-17 (16 Elizabeth Street -Jock).

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Marjorie Long Heatherton and Derek Rosenbaum to host the ALS Walk of Hope at Trinity Park and City Hall grounds on May 25, 2013. Lower Court Street and Trinity Place would be closed to vehicle traffic to accommodate a festival and gathering of supporters. In addition, the walk would utilize sidewalks on Cornelia Street, Beekman Street, Broad Street, Margaret Street, Bridge Street, and City Hall Place.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend the "Certiorari Preparation for Assessment Purposes" in Fishkill, NY on June 15, 2012. The cost will not exceed \$592.55.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Engineer Kevin Farrington to attend the “Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) state-of-the-practice research on pedestrian facility maintenance” in Washington DC from June 14 – 17, 2012. All costs will be paid by the FHWA.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF INGEBORG BEYER SAPP TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2017.
2. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SALLY MCSWEENEY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2017.
3. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEE POLHEMUS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2017.
4. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD MOORE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2017.
5. Request that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh hereby accepts a deed from the Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation (PARC) dedicating part of Arizona Avenue to the City of Plattsburgh.

Corporation Counsel John Clute said it's one of those things that's in limbo out there. It's unfortunate that it was mishandled the way it was by various people that were in ownership to this property. The problem began frankly with the United States Government they handled one real estate transaction on Plattsburgh Air Force Base and that involved the sale of this property that's owned by the Lakeside Container Company. The one transaction they handled they screwed up because they deeded this section of Arizona Avenue to the Lakeside Container purchasers. It was all part of one lot even though this road was right in the middle of it without any reservations, or easements, or anything else. So Lakeside Container ended up owning this section of Arizona Avenue and they built there building and I'm sure it was all built in compliance with the City Zoning regulations. When were asked to take over this section Arizona Avenue is basically a 4 lane street right up to the boundary with the Bouyea property then it narrows down to a 2 lane street. This is the main street parallel to the runway and if Plattsburgh Air Force Base is fully developed it's rather a bizarre situation to have 4 lanes narrowing down to 2 as they enter Route 22. I don't think there is really any alternative then to accept it the way it is. We've been maintaining it anyways this will just clean the

whole situation up.

Councilor Calnon said I'd like to point out that while there might be some impetus to make that piece 4 lane. The fact that Route 22 right there is only 2 lane kind of negates the value of expanding that Arizona. At some point you funnel from 4 lanes down to 2 whether it's here or 200 yards upstream. I don't think it makes a lot of difference. Now eventually as the airport continues to grow and traffic continues and 22 is looking at expansion there's probably going to be a role. I think that's far enough down the road that it probably doesn't make much difference.

Mayor Kasprzak said when you take over infrastructure for whatever reasons I'm a little more cautious in what we would take. Because I don't want to burden future Councils and Mayors and departments on those types of things. This will not do that to a degree that I was that concerned it's just that I felt eventually that may be 4 lanes and I just wanted it cleaner and that's my concern.

Councilor Carpenter said if the point comes where we have to make it 4 lanes, I'd be unhappy with making it 4 lanes because it might look better. But if the point comes where there's been enough development on the airport that we need 4 lanes there. Then the financial position of the City and the surrounding area will have changed greatly by then and it will be a lot easier for a future council to say we are going to make it 4 lanes because of what's going on.

Mayor Kasprzak said it will be a good problem to have if you are on a Council that you need to expand and that's your point. Hopefully that will happen.

6. Request from the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H7220.39 Crete Bros. Gym Renovation and Equipment to complete the revised project work as detailed in the proposed Council resolution.
7. Request from Stephanie Desautels to have a "5K Donut Dash and Munchkin Fun Run" on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 9:00 am at the US Oval. All proceeds to benefit "Girls on the Run Plattsburgh and Team Fox."
8. Request from the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H7020.17 Recreation Facilities Upgrades to complete the project work as detailed in the proposed Council resolution.
9. Request from Mayor Kasprzak to attend the "NYCOM Executive Committee meeting" in Watkins Glen, NY from August 15 – 17, 2012. The cost will not exceed \$1200.
10. Request from Assistant Fire Chief Randal Stone for one new hire to attend the "NYS Fire Academy" in Montour Falls, NY from July 19, 2012 – October 12, 2012. The cost will not exceed \$2,520.
11. Request from Assistant Fire Chief Randal Stone for two officers to attend the "NYS Academy Fire Fighter 1 Training Series" in Montour Falls, NY from July 16 – 20, 2012. The cost will not exceed \$532.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

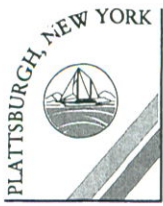
11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45pm



Plattsburgh, New York

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Memorandum

To: Mayor Kasprzak and Common Council

From: John Clute
Office of Community Development

Date: May 24, 2012

Re: 2012 NYS Main Street Grant Application

Request the following resolutions be approved.

Resolution 1: Support of application and authorizing Mayor to sign and submit.

WHEREAS, the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation is making available funding for the 2012 NY Main Street (NYMS) Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh is interested in submitting an application;
and,

WHEREAS, the proposed service area is located at Margaret Street and City Hall Place between Bridge Street and Court Street, including the intersection of Margaret Street and Protection Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will assist in façade and building improvements to downtown “main street” buildings and streetscape enhancements, and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh is in support of the proposed projects to be included in the funding application, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Plattsburgh supports the grant application to procure \$250,000 in funding through its NY Main Street Program application for main street/downtown revitalization efforts; and that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign and submit said 2012 NY Main Street grant application.

Resolution 2: Proof of commitment

The Community Development Office requests the following resolution in support of the NY Main Street application be approved for inclusion in the 2012 NY Main Street grant application as proof of commitment.

WHEREAS, the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation is making available funding for the 2012 NY Main Street (NYMS) Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Plattsburgh, a municipality, has resolved to apply for New York Main Street funding, and

WHEREAS, the proposed service area is Downtown Plattsburgh, and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will assist in building improvements to downtown "main street" buildings, and

WHEREAS, building renovation funds from the 2012 NY Main Street Program must be matched at a minimum 75/25 by the property owners therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Plattsburgh supports the 2012 NY Main Street Program application for main street/downtown revitalization efforts and will make available City building improvement and housing rehabilitation loan funds to match the Main Street program funds as needed.